

WANTS TO ABOLISH SCHOOL VACATIONS

Dr. O. H. Benson Declares Children Should Work At Useful Occupation.

LONG IDLING PERNICIOUS

Says Summer Months Destroy Good Results Achieved During School Year.

What the small boys of the nation probably will regard as a vital blow was struck by Dr. O. H. Benson, of the Department of Agriculture at yesterday's meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association.

Dr. Benson said the youth of the nation should not be allowed to loaf around, go fishing, and swimming during a three months' vacation period every year, but should be made to do some useful labor. The fact that the boys and girls of America do devote themselves exclusively to having a care-free good time constitutes waste, he said.

"The long summer vacation now given our boys and girls is one of the most serious handicaps for the building of good men and women," was the emphatic statement of Dr. Benson.

Good Work Offset.

"There is a great opportunity for good or evil in this relaxation of nearly three months, but under the usual conditions all the good accomplished during the nine months of the school year is neutralized."

A program for vacation has been outlined and tried out in Boy Scout circles which has proved a wonderful stimulus. The boys who captured the highest markings for the summer were the recipients of prizes.

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Achievement Club.

Dr. Benson then told of the work of a summer achievement club, and illustrated it with photographs of the diary of the summer kept by one of the boys. Eleven tasks were assigned to each of the boys and a certain marking given for the degree of achievement. The boys who captured the highest markings for the summer were the recipients of prizes.

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Dr. Benson also emphasized the point that the schools should be considered as the "distributing point of all community efficiency." There was an abnormal sentimentality abroad at present, he said, which insisted too much on the school as a "social center."

Neglect of Teeth.

Dr. J. A. Murphy, the next speaker, was formerly in charge of medical work among the Indians on the Government reservation, and spent some eight years visiting and observing the Indians in these places. He said that all his experience inclined him to think that one of the greatest evils of community life is the neglect of the teeth among the growing population.

Among the Indians the necessity of oral hygiene has been one of the most difficult lessons to teach. And in the schools of Washington, Dr. Murphy said 90 per cent of the children had defective teeth.

Like Charity Institutions.

"The cost of getting enough to eat," said Dr. Murphy, "is so great at present that the majority of parents absolutely can't afford necessary dental work for their children. And the free clinics as carried on at present smack too much of charity."

Speaking for the Mothers' Congress, Mrs. G. S. Rafter said the women sought some definite thing to work for this year, and a resolution was passed that the congress should endeavor to have established a regular public dental clinic.

ON COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Varied Activities To Be Taken Up At Conference.

"How to Grow Thin," "How to Grow Fat," "How to Keep House," "What to Eat," "How to Play and When," "Stories for Children and Stories for Grown Ups" and "How to Conduct a Public Meeting" are all subjects of lectures on the program of the community conference to be held in the Wilson Normal School on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock for six weeks, beginning next Tuesday.

Final arrangements for the conference were made yesterday afternoon at a meeting at the Wilson Normal School, under the direction of Mrs. L. Man Keble, who is general director of the conference work. The plans outlined by Mrs. Keble look to the establishment in this city of the national headquarters for community work in America.

The object of the conference is to assemble all the community workers, public school teachers, playground directors and social workers in the District who can attend to disseminate ideas of community work. Registration for the courses will begin immediately. There will be special lectures for those interested in the activities of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire girls.

PREPARING FOR HORSE SHOW.

Hunters of a number of members of the social set are daily being put through paces at the Riding Academy, Twenty-second and P streets northwest, in preparation for the indoor horse show of the Washington Riding and Hunt Club, February 19 and 20. The ring at the academy yesterday afternoon was occupied by Miss Edythe Howard, Miss Ruth Hitchcock, Miss Elizabeth Seriven, Mrs. W. Sinclair Bowen, Thomas P. Morgan, Jr., Major William Mitchell, Melvin C. Hazen and Thomas Jones, who were putting their horses through workouts.

SENATE AWARDS DAMAGES

Passes Bill Giving Navy Yard Employees \$2,500 for Injuries.

The Senate today passed a bill providing for payment of \$2,500 to Joseph A. Jennings because of amputation of his left arm due to an accident while he was employed as a painter at Washington Navy Yard. He was first sergeant in Company I, First Regiment, District Volunteer Infantry, in the war with Spain.

The bill has passed the House. The Senate also passed a bill, already passed by the House, presented by Senator Smith, to pay S. S. Yoder \$1,000, which was deposited as a guaranty that the Washington, Spotsylvania and Gretna railroad would be constructed in accordance with act of Congress. The conditions have been complied with.

LASKEY STRIKES AT POOL ROOM 'EVILS'

District Attorney Urges Law to Keep Minors From Entering.

John E. Laskey, United States District Attorney, in an address before the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association last night, launched an attack against the pool rooms of Washington, declaring them to be places where boys and young men congregate, and are brought under evil influences. Legislation, Mr. Laskey said is necessary to prevent the entry into a pool room of a minor.

"Not all of the pool rooms of Washington are bad," said the District Attorney, "but most of them are. The citizens' associations of the District could do no better work than to cooperate in a movement to procure legislation to prevent the frequenting of pool rooms by the youth of the city."

Thinks Check Law Draconic.

Referring to the "bad check" law pending in Congress, Mr. Laskey said that while he believed some such legislation necessary, he considered the measure in question too drastic.

The report of a special committee on taxation led to a spirited debate on the "single tax," which was upheld by Herbert J. Browne, the expert in land values employed by the George committee in its investigation of assessment methods in the District. Recommendations to abolish the taxation of intangible property and occupational fees and licenses were endorsed. A recommendation to exempt buildings and improvements from taxation up to 50 per cent over a series of years was lost by a tie vote 26 to 26, the president not voting.

Lewis Bill Discussed.

Pending prohibition legislation was brought into the discussion by the remark of Alexander H. Bell that 300 buildings formerly occupied by the liquor business are now vacant, and that the passage of the Sheppard bill would mean the vacancy of additional property.

The Lewis bill for Government acquisition and ownership of the District telephone system was discussed with the report of the committee on public utilities, in which it was declared the "legislation proposed would be unwarranted and a detriment to the interests of the community at this time."

To Hear Both Sides.

If the Postmaster General has taken into consideration the experiments of other government-owned systems and their inevitable failure both from a business point and the view of benefit to the community, he must certainly see the inevitable result," said the report.

Before acting on the report the association decided to hear from Congressman Lewis and a representative of the telephone company.

The executive committee submitted a report advocating the appointment of only residents of the District to vacancies on the bench of the Police Court.

Better Movies Urged.

The committee on recreational facilities was directed to continue its efforts to have the name of the Mt. Pleasant playgrounds changed to the Columbia Heights playgrounds. The committee submitted a report advocating a "higher moral tone for moving pictures shown in Washington."

J. Clinton Hiatt, chairman of a special committee, reported that plans are being made for the celebration of the association of the installation of motor car apparatus in No. 11 truck house.

ENGINEERS HEAR TALK

Morris Knowles Tells of System in Many Cities.

Morris Knowles, consulting engineer for Pittsburgh, told the Washington Society of Engineers at Rauscher's last night, how Boston, London and other cities had transformed their suburban communities into metropolitan districts for public works, such as sewerage plants, lighting plants and police protection. They then outlined by Mr. Knowles is one whereby the central municipality takes in all the outlying communities for the purpose of giving them, for instance, a sewerage system.

A board, on which are representatives from each suburban district and the municipality itself, regulates all matters in the outlying districts which pertain to the sewerage system. In obtaining the sewerage system, however, the communities do not lose their individuality. They are not incorporated in the city limits.

ASKS \$200,000 DAMAGES.

Margaret Boehmann today instituted suit in the District Supreme Court to recover \$200,000 damages from the Capital Traction Company, the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the District alleging that she stepped into a depression in the street while alighting from a car. Attorneys John C. Foster and C. R. Colvin appear for the plaintiff.

GALLINGER URGES INCREASE.

Senator Gallinger introduced an amendment to the District of Columbia bill to allow \$400,000, instead of \$300,000, for reclamation of the Anacostia flats.

WASHINGTON PRIEST SUSPECTED AS SPY

Father Hagen, Formerly of Georgetown, Had Narrow Escape In Rome.

The story of how a former Washington priest, who for fifteen years was head astronomer at the Georgetown University observatory, was suspected of being an alien spy, and was under surveillance for months by the Italian police and intelligence officers, came to Washington today in dispatches from Rome.

It illustrates the extreme precautions being taken by the European countries during these days of war and rumors of war, to safeguard its secrets and keep them from the hands of the enemy.

Priest Had Narrow Escape.

The Rev. P. J. G. Hagen, who narrowly escaped arrest by the Italian police, left the Georgetown observatory in 1906 to become head astronomer of the Vatican, which position he still holds.

The following dispatch from the Italian capital tells of his predicament:

"Another American was suspected as a spy here today," said the Rev. P. J. G. Hagen, S. J., the papal astronomer, formerly of Washington.

"For weeks the police have observed 'suspicious activities' in the Vatican gardens. Every night a black-robed figure appeared for a time on a bridge stretching between two towerlike buildings."

Made Weird Motions.

"The stranger made weird motions toward the heavens. Afterward he disappeared into one of the structures. A mysterious noise generally followed his entrance."

"The police believed the clergyman was signaling an enemy. The investigation introduced them to Father Hagen. Official documents showed the seventy-year-old astronomer to be an American citizen. The 'suspicious activities' were only his astronomical observations."

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HAYES—On Tuesday, February 6, 1917, at 11:35 p. m., at St. Hilary Hospital, CARROLL H. HAYES (nee Love), beloved wife of Louis H. Hayes, of Seat Pleasant, and fourth daughter of Sarah Q. Wilson (nee Trotter). Notice of funeral hereafter.

HECHINGER—On Tuesday morning, February 6, 1917, AMELIA, beloved sister of Lazarus Hechinger.

Funeral from her late residence, Thursday, February 8, at 11 o'clock, 11 LUSHY—Suddenly, on Monday, February 6, 1917, MARGARET A., beloved wife of William A. Lushy.

Funeral from her late residence, 1529 Ohio street, northeast, on Friday morning, February 9, at 9 o'clock; thence to Holy Name Church, where solemn requiem mass will be sung at 9:30 o'clock for the repose of her soul. Relatives and friends invited. Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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